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Official Announcements

Sun. Oct 29 – Get Ready to Fall Back!

Daylight Savings time ends in Europe on Sunday, Oct 29 at 3 a.m. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour back starting at 3 a.m.



Tue. Nov 7 – A Salute to Our Veterans and Soldiers

The cadets of the 15th Army JROTC Battalion present a "Salute to Our Veterans and Soldiers" on Tue. Nov 7. This Veterans Day celebration will take place at the BHS multi-purpose room from 2 to 3 p.m. All Soldiers, Veterans and family members are invited to attend. A reception will follow immediately after.

Wed. Nov 8—Give Blood at the

German-American Red Cross Blood Drive



**American
Red Cross**

Help our German neighbors at the German-American Red Cross blood drive on Wed. Nov. 8 at the Basics Bldg. 7110 from 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. All military and civilians are encouraged to give blood. Donors must have returned from deployments from Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait before May 2006 and have not received any vaccinations for the past 6 weeks. Please call the American Red Cross office at DSN:469-1760 with any questions.

Sat. Nov. 11—Bamberg Veteran's Day Parade

A Veterans Day Parade will be held at Bamberg Warner Barracks on Sat. Nov 11 at 10 a.m. The Parade will start at the VFW Post 10592, Bldg. 7104 (next to the Recycling center) and march down JFK Blvd. ending at Memorial Park with a speech by Garrison Commander, LTC Mark Gatto. Come show your support for the Bamberg VFW, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and more!

Weekly Reminders!

Wed. Nov. 8—Attend Community Town Hall

The next Community Town Hall will be on Wed. Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. All community members are encouraged to attend. If you have questions... we have answers!

Commissary is Open on Veteran's Day

The Bamberg Commissary will be open regular hours on Fri. Nov. 10 and Sat. Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

Service Credit Union is Open on Veteran's Day

Service Credit Union will remain open on Fri. Nov 10 and Sat. Nov. 11 to continue to serve your financial needs.

Outside the Gate!

Oct. 27 – 29

Shop the Crown Jewel Bazaar in Grafenwoehr

The Vilseck & Grafenwoehr Community and Spouses' Club is sponsoring the Crown Jewel Bazaar. Be treated like royalty and save a fortune on Oct 27, 28 and 29. The Bazaar is located in Grafenwoehr, Camp Aachen and features dozens of Europe's finest vendors. Shopping hours are Fri. Oct 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sat. Oct 28 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun. Oct 29 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Crown Jewel Bazaar is open to all military ID card holders. Visa, Mastercard, Cash & Checks accepted. Stoller Park will be available.

November 3–5 & 10–11

Federweißen Fest Cochem

The Federweißen Fest Cochem folk never know when to stop - the parties keep coming, this time it's the sweet, first-press new wine or "Federweißer." Enjoyed enmasse in the big festival tent on Endert-Platz with all sorts of bands playing away, this is "Novemberfest." Cochem is about a 4 to 5 hour train ride from Bamberg and is located in the beautiful Mosel River Valley region. For more information go to www.mosel.de. Click on the American flag for English.

Fest Hours

Fri. Nov. 3—6 p.m. to 2 a.m. & Sat. Nov 4—noon to 2 a.m.

Sun. Nov 5—noon to 7 p.m.

Fri. Nov 10—6 p.m. to 2 a.m. & Sat. Nov 11—2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Nov. 3–5— USAG Kaiserslautern Holiday Bazaar

The Kaiserslautern Community is hosting a Holiday Bazaar Nov. 3 – 5. The Bazaar is located on Rhine Ordnance Barracks (ROB) Bldg 237. Shop dozens of vendors, with unique gift ideas for the holidays! The bazaar is open Fri. Nov 3 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sat. Nov 4 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun. Nov 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Holiday Bazaar is open to all military ID card holders. Strollers are welcome. For the children there will be a Hippy Hop, Merry-Go-Round, and Petting Zoo. Food and beverages available. For more information go to www.mwrgermany.com or call 489-7126 or 0631-536-7126.

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Sat. Dec 16 -**Register now for the 29th Battle of the Bulge Memorial Walk**

The 29th Memorial Walk commemorating the Battle of the Bulge, the largest land battle in U.S. Army history, is scheduled for Sat. Dec. 16 in Bastogne, Belgium. This year the walk goes north of the town where the Band of Brothers, E Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, made their stand. Walkers may choose 6-, 14- or 20-k distances. The self-paced walk begins at 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Sports Center at Porte de Trèves. The four-Euro registration fee includes a certificate from the city of Bastogne, a walk brochure and a cloth patch of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. Pre-registration and payment before Dec. 2 is strongly recommended. The walk finishes in time for three wreath-laying ceremonies in the center of Bastogne.

The public is invited to participate in the memorial parade, scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The traditional nut-throwing from the town hall balcony is immediately afterward. Americans in Germany, England and Italy are asked to register for the walk through Ed Lapotsky at ed.germany@t-online.de, or by telephone at (+49) (0)6507-8292. Walkers can also register (five Euro) on the day of the walk between 7 and 9 a.m. at the starting point. Limited open-bay billets are available to NATO soldiers for a small fee.



Coming soon... Check out the Nov. 10 issue of the Warner Weekly for a guide to Germany's Christmas Markets!

Halloween Happenings!**Sun. Oct 29 – Moonlight Halloween Bowl at the Birchview Bowling Center**

A Moonlight Halloween Bowl will take place on Sun. Oct 29 at the newly renovated Bamberg Bowling Center. Stop by for some tricks and treats starting at 5 p.m. Kids that show up in costume will receive a coupon for 1 hour of free bowling and shoe rental good for the child + 7 friends! Cosmic bowling will be available.

**Oct 27, 28 and 30—Don't Get Lost on the Haunted Trail**

Find your way through the Haunted Trail at Warner Barracks Engineer Lake on Fri. Oct 27th, Sat. Oct 28 and Mon. Oct 30 from 7 to 11 p.m. The trail starts at

the Gazebo (Next to TASC) This is a unit fundraiser for the 38th PSB. Entrance fee is by donation.

Mon. Oct 30 - Harry Potter Costume Contest

Children and adults are invited to enter the Harry Potter Costume Contest at Bamberg's Community Library, recently

awarded "Best Library Program 2006!" All Harries, Hermiones, Draco Malfoys and Dumbledores are invited Monday, October 30 at 5 p.m., Bldg. 7047. For more information call the Bamberg Community Library at 0951-3001740 or 469-1740.

Tue. Oct 31 - Trick-or-Treating Hours

The trick-or-treating hours for U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Warner Barracks will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

**Candy Scanning Available on Oct. 31**

The Garrison will sponsor an X-ray machine scan for all trick-or-treat candy on Halloween night, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This will be at the Official Mail Room, adjacent to Gate 1. This is a reoccurring service offered every year.



Be a guest at the Haunted Hotel!

Fri. Oct 27 & Sat. Oct 28

Looking for a place to stay this Halloween? Check-in to the Warner Barracks Haunted Hotel sponsored by the 173rd Special Troops Battalion FRG. The Haunted Hotel will be open for business on Fri. Oct 27 and Sat. Oct 28 from 6 to 11 p.m. at Bldg. 7001 (the corner of 16th St. and ZollnerStr. Just south of the flower shop, look for signs and balloons) General admission is \$4 or \$3 in the Spook-Free zone for toddlers. You can check-in, but you may not check-out! A concession stand filled with ghoulish goodies will be available. For more information about this community event contact CPT Craig at DSN:469-8663. All children must be accompanied by an Adult.

Kids & Teens**Sat. Oct 28—Saturday Skate Night at the Roller Realm**

Come to the Roller Realm and have fun at Skate Night on Sat. Oct. 28. From 3-7 p.m. skating is open to the whole community, 7-10 p.m. for CYS registered youths grades 6-12 only. Admission is \$4, skates can be rented for \$1. Wear orange and get a dollar off admission! For more details call 0951-300-7452 or 469-7452.

Piano Lessons Offered through Skies Unlimited

Is your child interested in learning to play the piano? Complete a "Music Instruction Request Form" at Child and Youth Services. Central Registration Office (Bldg. 7340 – next to JFK Gym) Piano instruction is being offered as a Skies Unlimited Program. Call 469-7452 for more information.

Babysitters Wanted!

Calling all Certified babysitters age 13 to 18 years old! If you would like to increase your earning potential and market yourself to the community, please come to the Community Town Hall Meeting on Wed. November 8 at 6 p.m. at Preston Hall. Community members who are looking for a good babysitter would like to interview YOU! Bring copies of your resume, and in one night you can increase your customer base and earning potential! If you would like assistance in creating your resume with your picture or you need more information, we'll be glad to help-- please call Kim Kozel at 469-7891 or 469-1770.

Learn Ballet, Perform in Recital

Enroll in ballet classes at the Elementary School and perform in Bamberg Performing Arts Club's recital in May. BPAC has immediate openings for adults and children ages four and up. Instructors, Dr. Delome Greenwald-Schmidt and Helmut Schmidt offer over 50 years of teaching experience to students. Classes are Mon from 4-5 p.m. (3rd to 6th grades), Tue from 4-5 p.m. (1st & 2nd grades), Wed from 4-5 p.m. (four and five year olds) and Mon and Wed from 5-6:15 p.m. (teens and adults). Cost is \$25 per month (1X weekly) and \$45 per month (2X weekly). Sign up sheets are available from instructors prior to class. If you would like to buy ballet tights, leotards, shoes, legwarmers, tote bags etc. call Rhonda Roush at 0951-297-5135.

Bamberg Elementary

October Edition of BES Newsletter

The next edition of the BES newsletter will be online on or about October 27th. It can be found online at <http://www.bamb-es.eu.dodea.edu/>. You can also receive a copy by stopping by our office.

Tue. Nov. 7—SAC Meeting

The next School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting will be held on Tue. Nov 7 at 3 p.m.

Bamberg Elementary School Calendar

Fri. Nov. 3	No School—Teacher Work Day
Nov. 8—9	No School due to Parent Teacher Conferences

Need to Talk?

The Military Family Life Consultants (MFLC) are available every Thursday at BES for walk-in appointments between 1:30-2:30 p.m. They are here to discuss any concerns you have around parenting and daily life issues which might include: reducing the homework struggle, having a hassle free bedtime or meal time routine, learning new strategies to reduce discipline problems, and helping your children learn skills to make friends and work through conflicts. The MFLC's are licensed mental health professionals and the counselors rotate out of the community on a monthly basis. No records are kept. Stop by any Thursday at BES between 1:30 –2:30 p.m. or call them at 0175-600-8373 or 0151-169-89433 for an appointment.

Box Tops for Bucks

Did you know that Bamberg Elementary School is collecting Box Tops for Education? Clip and earn in these easy steps:

- #1. CLIP BOX TOPS** coupons from hundreds of products found throughout your local grocery store. When clipping, make sure that the expiration date is not cut from the coupon; Box Tops coupons without an expiration date cannot be submitted. Each Box Top coupon is worth ten cents for the school!
- #2. SEND BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL** with a school aged child. There is a yellow Box Tops collection bucket in the Main Office. Consider helping the elementary school out! For more information, go to www.bboxtops4education.com and find out other ways to earn money for BES. There are printable coupons on the website, and there is also an "Online Marketplace" where you can shop at your favorite online stores and a percentage of your purchase will go back to BES.



Do you have concerns about your child's development?

Children grow and develop at different rates, and most walk through a path of predictable milestones. Some children, however, experience delays in one or more of the five developmental areas: Physical development, Social-Emotional development, Cognitive (Thinking) Skills, Communication, or Self-Help skills. Between the ages of 3 and 4, your child should be able to dress and undress themselves, understand concepts such as recognizing and matching colors, follow a series of two to four directions, and play and interact cooperatively with their peers. If you have concerns regarding your child's development, and the child is between the ages of 3 and 5, contact Bamberg Elementary School at 469-7616 or 0951-300-7616, or email ChildFind@eu.dodea.edu to request a screening.

Bamberg Middle / High School

Tue. Nov 7 - BHS PTSA Meeting

Attend the next Bamberg American Middle/High School Parent-Teacher-Student-Association (PTSA) general meeting on Tuesday, Nov 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the school's conference room. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month except in January 2007. Mark these Tuesdays on your calendar and get involved! **Dec. 5, 06, Jan.16, Feb. 6 March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5, 2007**

Middle / High School Calendar

Fri. Nov. 3	No School—Teacher Work Day
Thur. Nov. 9	No School due to Parent Teacher Conferences

Continuing Education

Mon. Nov. 6—ACAP Resume Writing Lab

Get the instruction you need to begin writing your resume at the Bamberg ACAP Resume Writing Lab on Mon. Nov 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in Preston Hall Bldg 7080. Attendees should have already completed a 2-day Transitional Assistance Program (DOL/ TAP) workshop prior to the Resume Writing Lab. Please bring your VMET, TAP Workbook, Pencils, and Paper. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office to make an appointment at 469-8925 or 0951-300-8925. The next class will be offered on Nov. 20

Nov. 14 & 15 - 2-Day DOL / TAP Workshop

The Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) is offering a 2-Day job assistance workshop for separating and retiring service members and their families on November 14 & 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Preston Hall. All participants must complete pre-separation counseling prior to enrolling in this course. Please call your Bamberg ACAP Office to make an appointment at 469-8925 or 0951-300-8925. The 2-Day DOL / Tap Workshop will be offered again on Dec. 12 & 13.

Job Corner

Assistant Digital Training Manager Needed

Distributed Learning System has an Assistant Digital Training Facility Manager Part-time On Call position available. Customer service skills are a must. Proficient use of current software applications, hands-on experience installing, configuring, troubleshooting, and repairing computer software/hardware components experience a plus. Must be able to TDY to other sites in the region to cover when necessary. No relocation or logistical support is available for this position. Applicant must be either a US Citizen or a Resident Alien (Green Card Holder). Please e-mail your resume to: lilian.benitez@us.army.mil or for more information, call 469-8118 or 0951-300-8118.

AAFES is Hiring!

AAFES is seeking qualified applicants to fill entry level food and retail positions in the Bamberg Area. Please go to www.aafes.com and click on 'employment' for position details and apply online. We look forward to you joining our great team!

Entertainment & Leisure

Mon. Nov 6—Hot Wing Day at the CAC

Satisfy your need for Hot Wings. Stop by the Community Activity Center between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. and pick up some Hot Wings!

Sun. Nov. 5—Brunch at the Warner Club

Dreaming of a Denny's Grand Slam or IHOP Country Griddle Cakes? Look no further! The Warner Club offers a brunch buffet the first and third Sunday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The all-you-can-eat buffet is \$7.50 per adult and \$4.50 for children under 12 or \$22 for families (2 adults, 2 children) Reservations are recommended. November Brunch

dates are Nov. 5 and Nov. 19! Call the Warner Club at 0951-300-7596.

Nov 9—12 and 16 –19

Buy Tickets for Annie!

Performances of the hit Musical Annie will run at the Bamberg Stable Theater November 9 – 12 & 16 – 19. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. except Sundays which will run at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for Adults, \$7 for Students and E4 and below or a family ticket for \$25. Group rates are also available. Please call the Stable Theater at 469-8647 or 0951-300-8647 for reservations or more information.



Win a Turkey Dinner for Four!

Now through Nov. 20, stop by the CAC and register to win a Turkey Dinner for four people. Drawing will be held on Mon. Nov 20. For more information contact the CAC and 469-8659 or 0951-300-8659

Nov. 17-19 - Army Europe MWR

Flag Football Championships

Come out and see the Army Europe MWR Flag Football Championships in Bamberg Nov. 17 - 19. The Opening ceremony will take place on Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at Pendelton Field, games will begin at 10 a.m. Awards will be given on Nov. 19. For more information call 469-7597.



Sat. Nov 18 - Bamberg Turkey Trot

Bamberg's annual Turkey Trot 5k Fun Run & 10k Race will be held on Saturday, November 18. Same day registration will be open from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Race starts at the Freedom Fitness Facility at 10 a.m. The run is open to Military ID card holders only. Registration fee can be paid by donating any type of pet food. Walkers, strollers (and pets) are welcome to participate in the 5k Fun Run and medallions will be awarded to the top finishers in each division. Trophies will be awarded to the top two finishers in the 10k Race in each division. Men's and Women's divisions are 17 and under, 18-29, 30-44 and 45 and over. There will be no pre-registration. The 5k Fun Run & 10K Race course will be on post only. For more information contact the staff at 469-8890 / 7597 / 9086 or e-mail Sylvia Martin at Sylvia.Martin@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil

Fri. Nov 17 – B.S.C.C. Charity Basket Auction*"A Night in Vegas!"*

Don't miss the annual Bamberg Spouses' & Civilians' Club Charity Basket Auction, and you can spend a **Night in Vegas, Germany** on Friday, Nov. 17. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Warner Club. Cost is \$12 per person and includes Vegas Style Buffet and bidding paddle! Starting at 6 p.m. guests can enjoy dinner, preview the live and silent auction items or shop our vendors and crafters. Cash Bar is open all evening. Tickets are on sale now at the Thrift Shop. (Shop is open Tue. & Wed. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thur. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or make reservations at 0951-209-9210 or e-mail bscc_reservations@hotmail.com. Please RSVP by Nov. 14. **Attire:** It's a Night in Vegas, anything goes! Just join the fun. All Elvis and Showgirl impersonators welcome! For more information e-mail bscc2006auction@hotmail.com. Proceeds from all B.S.C.C. events help fund grants and scholarships for groups and members of the Bamberg Community.

If your agency or group is interested in participating in this event please contact Helen Garneau at bscc2006auction@hotmail.com

Trips & Travel Opportunities**Go Trippin' with the CAC this Fall**

Bamberg Community Activity Center offers the following trips in the month of November

Bolesalwicz, Poland

Polish Pottery Shopping \$65

Sat. Nov. 4 - Departs 3 a.m. – Returns 11:30 p.m.

Nutcracker Factory \$20

Wed. Nov. 8—Departs 8:30 a.m. - Returns 4 p.m.

3 Day and 3 Night Ski Austria \$225

Nov. 10—13 Departs 11:00 a.m. & Returns 11 p.m. on Nov. 13
Inc. Transportation, Hotel w/Breakfast&Supper

Karlovy / Vary – Cheb, Czech Rep. \$35

Shopping and Sightseeing

Sat. Nov. 18—Departs 8 a.m. – Returns 8 p.m.

Cancellation Policy: Up to two weeks prior to departure, 25%; one week, 40% and later than one week 50% of tour price will be charged. No refund is given for no-shows. No penalties for military duty restraint or illness.

Sign up and find out more about trips from Bamberg CAC at 469-8659 or 0951-300-8659.

Wuerzburg International Ski Club Social Events

Check out the up coming social events offered by the Wuerzburg International Ski Club (WISC). You do not need to be a member to sign-up or attend these events.

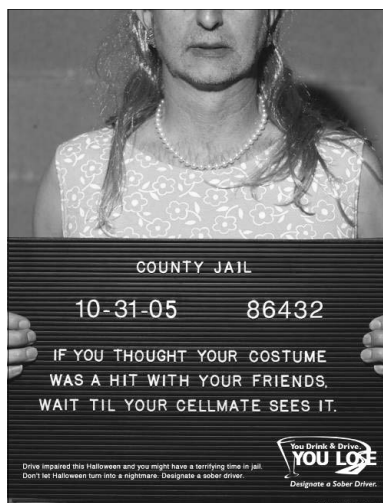
Sat. Nov 18—Weinprobe (Wine Tasting) with Weingut Paul Schmitt

WISC would like to invite you to a winetasting on Sat. Nov 18 at 7 p.m. at Weingut Paul Schmitt. Sample 7-8 premium wines from Paul Schmitt's winery in Randersacker (near Wuerzburg). Experience an evening of good food, wine and merriment with American hostess Angela Schmitt, wife of Paul. Angela will prepare a tasty German specialty: Knochenschinken (ham on the bone) with salad. With each wine that is tasted, guests will learn about the types of grapes in the Franconia area and how each wine is produced. So raise your glasses and say "Sehr zum Wohl!", which is the German way to make a toast with wine. It means "To your well-being!" Space is limited to 30 people. Sign-ups will begin October 18 and close on November 15. First come, first serve. Cost is 25 Euro per person and includes wine, meal and tour of wine cellar. Payment in full is due at sign-up. For more information contact Candace at 469-7019 or go to www.wskiclub.org for the 2006/ 2007 trip schedule.

Fri. Dec 8 - WISC's Christmas Trolley

On Fri. Dec 8, WISC will host its annual Wuerzburg Christmas Trolley Outing. Enjoy a 2 hour ride through the decorated streets of Wuerzburg with drinks, munchies, music, song, and camaraderie. The Christmas Trolley departs at 8 p.m. sharp from the Strassenbahn Work Station in Wuerzburg. Cost is 30 Euro per person and includes ride, munchies and drinks. You do not need to be a WISC member to sign up. Seating is limited to 50. Contact Ray Danganan for more information at 0172-9526148 or e-mail Raydan52@aol.com

You Drink and Drive. YOU LOSE!



***This
Halloween
designate a
Substance
Free
designated
driver!***



AAFES News

Get Large Welcome Home Banners Printed!

Say Welcome Home to your Soldier in a BIG WAY with a full color personalized banner printed at the Banner Shop on Leighton Barracks in Wuerzburg. This new service is fast, easy to use and moderately priced. Banners can be used indoor or outdoor. Sizes can be 3 ½ feet wide and up to 65 ½ feet long. Prices for a 22" x 28" banner are \$12. All major credit cards + government card are accepted. Call 0931-700-783 or e-mail fletcher@aafes.com for more information.

Are you on the Buddy List?

Be the first to know about the money savings offers and special events taking place at Bamberg AAFES facilities. Get on the Buddy List! Submit an e-mail to AlstonA@aafes.com and you'll receive Information about exclusive promotions, events and sales flyers regularly! Get on the list today!

AAFES Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is CLOSED
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Fri.	Oct. 27	The Departed	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 28	How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)	4 p.m.
		The Departed (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 29	How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)	4 p.m.
		Accepted (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Oct. 30	Beerfest (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 2	Accepted (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 3	Flags of Our Fathers	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 4	Material Girls (PG)	4 p.m.
		Flags of Our Fathers (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 5	Material Girls (PG)	4 p.m.
		Cross Over (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 6	World Trade Center (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 9	Crossover (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 10	Running with Scissors (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 11	Invincible (PG)	4 p.m.
		Running with Scissors (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 12	The Wicker Man (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Idlewild (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 13	The Wicker Man (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 16	Idlewild (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 17	Crank (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 18	Flushed Away (PG)	4 p.m.
		Crank (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Nov. 19	Flushed Away (PG)	4 p.m.
		Hollywoodland (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 20	Crank (R)	7 p.m.

Winter Safety--and German Law--Require Snow Tires



HEIDELBERG, Germany – As Winter 2006 approaches, the Installation Management Agency – Europe reminds motorists that German law regarding the use of winter tires has changed from last year.

In a rule change which took affect May 1, using tires "suitable to the

weather" is required. Driving with summer tires on icy or snowy roads is now a traffic offense, which can lead to a fine of 20 to 40 Euro. Additionally, insurance companies can deny coverage to motorists driving with summer tires on wintry roads. In the case of a traffic accident in adverse winter conditions, police can assign blame to a motorist without snow tires, regardless of who actually caused the accident.

How do you know if tires meet the winter standard?

Tires labeled with "M+S" or with a "snowflake" are considered legal if their tread pattern is at least 1.6 millimeters. For best safety, however, winter tires with a tread pattern of less than 4 millimeters should be replaced. Tires can be inspected for safety at AAFES garages, tire shops or road service providers such as ADAC. Chains should be used if you plan to drive in heavy snow or ice. A combination of summer tires and snow chains is not a safe alternative.

When should you begin using winter tires? Under the new law, there is no set date; road and weather conditions dictate use. Many experienced motorists put winter tires on at the first snow and leave them on until early spring. It's easier than changing back and forth and avoids the possibility of being stuck without the right tread if the weather suddenly changes for the worse. Historically, German roads begin to see snow around Thanksgiving. The new changes are covered in article 2, paragraph 3, of the German road traffic regulation.



24/7 Info Phone.

Know before you go!

Find out the current weather and road conditions for the Bamberg area by calling **DSN:469-8373**. The recorded weather line information is updated every 12 hours or as conditions change and also includes a 48 hour forecast. This service is made available by the Bamberg Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

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